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PARIS AGREEMENTS

1. French Council of Republic to approve Paris Agreements without amendments by 26 March.
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 - A. All Council committees involved support ratification.
1. COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS TERRITORIES HAS REPORTED A DECISION
 1. *Only* Industrial Production Committee has recommended amendments (Saar and arms pool).
 - B. Faure was able to put off Assembly re-opening of Saar question and finance bill until after Council debate on agreements.
 - C. After Council approval, President Coty has 10 days to promulgate law.
 1. Coty not expected to exercise constitutional right to require both houses reconsider.

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11. Major event on post-ratification horizon is revival East-West talks.

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to press for talks.

- B. Many Frenchmen hope that post-ratification negotiations with USSR can still stymie German rearmament.

III. Ratification outlook in West Germany.

- A. President Heuss indicates he will sign shortly, will not deposit treaties until France and US have completed action.

- B. Constitutional court expected reject Social Democratic petition against Basic Law.

Meanwhile, Adenauer is so confident of outcome that he wants Occupation terminated in mid-1951.

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